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Donkey kisses

Haliburton Highlands
Secondary School students
Kaitlyn Hutt, left, and
Katelyn Espie were all
smiles as they met Chili
Chocolate, a miniature
donkey, at the Haliburton
Feed Company earlier this
month. Owners Charles
McAleaney and Maureen
Adams have two of the
animals, which they invite
the public to come and see.

Darren Lum Echo staff

Opportunity knocks for Jim Henwood

Convenience store owner
leaves Haliburton for new
business venture

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

In many ways he is the face of Haliburton Village.
For the past 16 years local business owner Jim
Henwood has made Haliburton his home, becoming
an avid member of the community through organi-
zations such as the Rotary Club and the Haliburton
Village Business Improvement Area.

In just two short weeks Jim will be packing up his
bags and setting out for a new opportunity, a new
adventure.

On March 28 the owner of Henwood's Variety
Store will officially become the manager of The Bar-
gain Shop located in Gananoque, situated amongst
the Thousand Islands. The decision to leave his busi-
ness and the place he and his family have called
home was not an easy one for Jim.

"I'm going to miss the community for sure but I
just think it's time for a change," said Jim. "Sixteen
years behind a counter is a long time."

The father of three moved to Haliburton from
Hamilton with his wife Kathy and twin daughters Ali
and Jenny, now 18, and son Scott, now 19.

"I knew the area because I have an aunt who lives
here who married a man who was born and raised
here. They have a cottage on Haliburton Lake so my
family, including my brother and parents, used to
come up to the cottage every year for to weeks and
stay there."

Prior to moving here Jim was working in Milton as
a merchandise manager for Shoppers Drug Mart.

It was an ad that appeared in the Toronto Star that
caught his attention and the phone call that followed
would forever change his life.

"I saw an ad in the paper that there was a store
available...I called the guy up, he told me what it was,
we talked and then I moved up."

Since the move Jim has contributed significantly to
the community, chairing the BIA for approximately
eight years, serving as past president and treasurer
of the Haliburton Rotary Club and currently serv-
ing his fifth year as chair of the parent/teacher coun-
cil at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. His
involvement has made his a familiar face around
town and contributed to his success in business.

"I've always believed that in small towns you have

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New GM announced for YMCA Wanakita

Andy Gruppe, a Haliburton resident and Hamilton native, has been officially named General Manager of YMCA Wanakita. Gruppe, a married man with two young children, first started working at YMCA Wanakita 12 years ago and has expanded his responsibilities over the years. He had previously acted as general manager after the retirement of Steve Herming, who left last fall after a long career.

The YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford, a charitable organization that helps people achieve personal growth through service to the community, operates YMCA Wanakita. Wanakita is one of the two largest YMCA camps in Canada and the largest in Ontario. Its programs include day camp, family camp, leadership development activities and year-round outdoor education.

"It's certainly an honour," says Gruppe, when asked about his new



Andy Gruppe is the new manager of YMCA Wanakita.
/Photo submitted

position. He also states that YMCA Wanakita, regardless of financial circumstances, will continue its commitment to make camp experiences available to everyone and to promote and foster an appreciation for the natural world through outdoor education and experiential learning.

Jim Commerford, president and CEO of the YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford had a few words to say about the experienced man. "He has an outstanding track record in a wide range of areas including camp programming, outdoor education and leadership development. Under Andy's management I'm confident that YMCA Wanakita will continue to be recognized as a leader in camp experiences, outdoor education and leadership development as well as developing year round community-based programs for the Haliburton community."

ATCs are back at the Rails End

Enjoy a free art activity for March break. From Wednesday, March 16 to Friday, March 18, from 1 to 3 p.m.

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On March 16, 17 and 18 the Rails End will have the complete ATC table set up in the lower gallery with all kinds of materials for you to create with. Add to the gallery's bursting binder of cards, trade with friends or make cards for keeps. You decide.

This is a free family-friendly activity. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

ATCs are a great way to meet people, enjoy the company of your children and explore the Rails End, a public art gallery located in Haliburton's heritage railway station. While you are there enjoy two exhibitions: Under South African Skies, a photo journal of exotic animals by Andrew Oliver and THIS, a group show by students from Flemming College.

Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre is open Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 4 p.m. Find out more at www.railsendgallery.com.



Snow Queen hits Razzmatazz stage

Members of the Little Red Theatre Company put on a performance of Hans Christien Anderson's *The Snow Queen* as part of a Razzmatazz show at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on March 6.

Chad Ingram Echo staff

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The Highlands Weekender

New titles coming this spring

Coles'Notes
Catherine Coles
Branch Services Librarian

It was once the case that publishers would reserve their highly anticipated book releases for fall. This spring however, the Canadian literary world has many exciting new titles to offer readers.

In Timothy Taylor's new book, *The Blue Light Project*, the author of a controversial television show is taken hostage by an unidentified man. He issues only one strange demand - to interview a disgraced former investigative journalist.

Reggie's First, Randy Savage's follow up to his Gilbey Prize long-lived debut, *Governor of a Northern Province*, follows the life of a man whose life begins poor, but ends with him as the wealthy head of his village.

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Friends of the Rail Trail ramble through Wildwood
On Sunday, March 20, join members of Friends of the Rail Trail for a ramble through a Wildwood Nature Preserve just outside of Haliburton Village. Bring trail snacks and a bag lunch, and come prepared for a rugged tramp through varied terrain. All ages and friendly dogs welcome. This is a warm-up to FORT's upcoming Sunday Rambles in April and May. Arrive in good time to hit the trail at 11 a.m. Contact Pamela Marsales at 705-457-4767, wildwoodpath@yaho.ca or visit www.friendsoftherailtrail.ca for more information.

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This week's Weekender:

- Heating things up with propane
- Creating a magical experience
- Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary to celebrate 40 years
- Tips for filing 2010 taxes
- Cards scores, bowling scores

Plus Sudoku, crossword, classifieds and coming events.

Correction

In the March 8th issue of the Haliburton Echo there was an error in the Haliburton Chamber ad. Peter Brady's ad was outdated as he is no longer affiliated with Remax. Peter Brady is now Broker at Metron Realty Inc. 705-457-8898. 705-935-8888. Peter@peterbrady.ca

The Haliburton Echo apologizes for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Drivers and home helpers needed in county

Community Care Haliburton is putting the call out for volunteer drivers in the Haliburton area, and home helpers to do some light housekeeping for seniors and adults with disabilities in the Gooderham area, the West Guilford, Carnarvon, Eagle Lake area and the Cardiff area.

Do you have some extra time in your week to give a helping hand?

We are looking for volunteer drivers to help transport seniors and adults with disabilities to medical appointments both locally and to bigger centres like Lindsay and Peterborough.

You will be compensated for out of pocket expenses with a 40 cents/km remuneration rate.

For more information on volunteering for Community Care Haliburton County contact Brigitte@communitycare-haliburton.com or by calling 705 457 2941.

Tuesday, March 15, 2011



Highlands East firefighter Alice-son Dooley wears the captain's gear in the Wilberforce station. Dooley was recently promoted to captain of the Wilberforce fire station four, making her the first female captain in the history of Highlands East.

/Submitted photo

First female firefighter captain in township

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

She may be only 23 years old but Alice-son Dooley will soon be getting an opportunity no other woman has ever had.

A volunteer firefighter with the Highlands East fire department Dooley was recently promoted to captain of the Wilberforce station, making her the first female captain in the municipality's history.

An employee of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Dooley has been serving as a firefighter for the past three years and was officially promoted to captain at a meeting of council on March 8.

"I'd like to move Alice-son Dooley up to captain of station four," said fire chief Bill Wingrove during the meeting.

Nominated and voted on by her peers, the chance to serve as captain is one the young woman is enthusiastically looking

forward to.

"It's very exciting," said Dooley a day following the promotion. "I only found out yesterday that Highlands East has never had a female captain before. It is an honour."

The promotion will involve more responsibility and authority for Dooley, along with wearing a distinct captain's helmet.

"I just passed my fire recruit course in September and I have other certifications on top of that," said Dooley.

For Wingrove, gender doesn't play a role in fulfilling the needs of a good captain.

"Sex doesn't matter to me, she's just a good fire fighter," he said.

Although the role of a firefighter often involves putting ones own safety at risk, Dooley is prepared for what lies ahead.

"Duty, honour and courage is what every firefighter will tell you is why we do this job."



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New Dysart condo proposal receives zoning amendment

➤ Middle class gains a new housing option if everything pans out

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Dysart council is approving the first step for a proposed 28-unit condominium complex.

During the planning process meeting for the township on Monday, March 7, council approved the zoning bylaw amendment for a housing project outlined in a preliminary planning report presented by the Muskoka D&M Corporation, represented by business partners Patrick Dube and Doug Gray, and realtor Peter Brady.

The Gravenhurst-based company is proposing a 28-unit, four-storey building with a maximum height of 19 metres on the property across from the former Fleming College property at the corner of Sunnyside Street and Hwy. 118.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey welcomed the application, but stopped short of saying this will solve the housing needs of the township.

"The units that are being talked about are just a drop in the bucket in what's needed. We could use a lot more units than what is being talked about," he said. "We're losing people everyday because there is not housing to accommodate them ... and not only are we losing housing because we're being faced by constant increases to user fees on sewage [but] because we don't have development to offset the costs. We need to get the community to pull together to move forward with some of these things rather than unnecessary delays."

He hopes there are more housing development projects in the works for an area that needs housing for everyone.

Various other approvals are required as outlined by the report, related to reports and studies for submission to the Minis-

try of Environment and the township.

Each unit will have an open-concept kitchen, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, gas outlets on balconies for barbecues, options for fireplaces and is expected to be at least 92 square metres (1,000 square feet) and up to 1,400 square feet in area.

Units will be geared towards middle-income earners.

The plan includes 48 parking spots, enough for each unit, including four accessible lots.

These were the same developers who were responsible for the Curry Motors development in Haliburton.

They are proud of their track record for being environmentally conscientious and pointed to their Granite Trail condominium development in Gravenhurst that won the Muskoka Heritage Foundation Natural Heritage Stewardship Award in 2009 in the commercial category.

Dube said the project aesthetically will blend into the environment and will be appropriate to the area, adding the Gravenhurst development is barely noticeable from the road.

He promises the construction will involve local tradespeople, as was the case in previous projects.

The group said they have a development still under construction nearly sold in Parry Sound. It is very similar in look and design to the proposed Haliburton project.

With a track record, they said, of completing projects in little more than a year, from planning to construction, it's likely Haliburton residents could occupy their units by July 2012, if the site plan is approved by summer, enabling construction to begin and end in autumn.

Preliminary discussions with neighbours of the proposed site have been initiated, the group said, and thus far their proposal plan has not met any opposition.

See architectural rendering of proposed development online at www.haliburton-echo.ca.

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Fleming College students, from left, Carly Ward, Lili Vahamaki, Lisa Furfaro, Aisling O'Flanagan, Hiliary Duford and Hayley Koene, stand with some of their pieces of art on display at the Rails End Gallery during a reception to officially launch THIS, a collection of work from students enrolled in the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma (VCAD) program.

Angelica Blenich Echo staff



Fleming College student Laura Foreman admires her birds on cloth artwork on display at the Rails End Gallery part of a collection of work from students enrolled in the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma (VCAD) program. The exhibit will be on display at the gallery from now until March 24.

Dysart budget reflects challenging future

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Dysart is facing lean times and this year's proposed 2011 budget reflects the new reality.

At an early morning meeting on Monday, March 7, council deliberated on the draft budget in the face of higher expenditures related to the HST, rising policing costs and inflating costs for hydro and fuel, referred to as "big ticket items" by CAO and clerk Tammy McKelvey.

Many community organizations will be receiving the same 2010 amounts or nothing at all.

For Dysart residents property taxes are rising nominally.

In the face of rising property assessments, that is an average of eight per cent, residents can expect to pay an average of 2.2 per cent more on their municipal portion of their taxes. It results in one-third of the total taxes this year.

"We're definitely trying to hold the line as tight as absolutely possible," McKelvey said.

The total tax rate will actually decrease 3.62 per cent. While growth related taxes were close to \$63,000, the township shortfall is about \$103,000 or 2.4 per cent on the municipal tax levy. The shortfall was

\$279,557 initially, but changed to \$110,000 just before and pared down an additional \$7,000 during the meeting.

Last year Dysart boasted the lowest tax rates for residential, commercial and industrial properties in the county. This year, even with the increase, Dysart's rates are expected to remain the lowest unless the other municipalities reduce rates.

The township with the next lowest 2010 rates was Algonquin Highlands, who held a rate of 7.46 per cent for residential, 4.01 per cent for commercial and 4.24 per cent for industrial taxes.

Roads superintendent Brian Nicholson attended the meeting to inform the council about the roads situation, asking for a 3.32 per cent increase to his budget to address an aging roads network.

He left Monday's meeting with assurances he will be given an additional \$78,456.

Despite the increase, the higher costs expected are likely to eat into that difference Nicholson said.

He proposed the department focus on preventative measures to maintain current roadways, using slurry seal, which helps to seal and finish surfaces, rather than focusing on the reconstruction of roads that is far more expensive and labour intensive.

The difference in cost is approximately \$300,000 using last year's rates.

It will not only preserve the current roads, but also save the township money for now and in the future, as the slurry seal has a life expectancy of three to five years.

The department is also looking to replace a one-ton dump truck and complete an engineering report for Cranberry Bridge.

Much of the problem for the department exists with people's expectations, Nicholson said.

He pointed out 15 years ago many of the roads were gravel and now the public is quick to communicate their displeasure.

Nicholson, when asked by councillor Walt McKechnie about what to tell their constituents concerned about roads in their area, said he uses the roads needs study as a guide for his work.

It offers a five-year plan of recommendations and was completed by an independent engineering team commissioned in April 2007.

Nicholson welcomes communication from the public about roadwork needs, but reminds people to be aware of the larger picture and that he is responsible for approximately 320 km of roadways in the township.

Hutchings Road and Sunnyside Street will be resurfaced.

The townships' sewer system fees are influenced by population numbers and the recently added HST, which is paid up front

and is paid back except for 1.76 per cent.

There has been an additional two-per cent rise to all expenditures because of the HST. The township has proposed a nominal three per cent increase per equivalent residential unit, equating to \$15 more to the current \$495 fee to reduce the annual shortfall.

This increase is expected to increase revenues by approximately \$20,000 and will reduce the amount borrowed from the municipality.

McKelvey was quick to caution there may be more costs down the road.

This year the shortfall will be \$34,390 with the fee increase slated for the 2011 budget.

Unless there is a growth in the residential area, McKelvey said, sewer rates would rise substantially.

McKelvey added the affect of the HST was only felt for half the 2010 year and the full cost will be realized this coming year.

Unlike the GST, the township always saw that amount return.

Council did budget for \$113,500 in capital expenditures for upgrading and replacing aging parts and machinery, which could translate into higher efficiency and savings in the following years McKelvey said.

Council will meet to discuss the budget further scheduled at 9 a.m. at township office on March 21.

Council needs public to join new committees

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 8 meeting of Highlands East council.

In an effort to promote the municipality of Highlands East a variety of new committees have been established with council now seeking out members of the public to join.

A special public meeting, scheduled to take place on March 28 at 9 a.m., will seek to clearly define the mandate of each committee and offer an opportunity for volunteers to become involved.

The new committees include: parks and recreation, business attraction and retention, environment and green energy, affordable housing and trails.

Fire chief looks to tighten up bylaw

Fire chief Bill Wingrove is hoping to tighten up a bylaw that prohibits open air burning and the spreading of fires in the defined area of Cardiff in the hopes of making it easier to enforce.

The current bylaw, said Wingrove, is loosely defined and therefore creates a stumbling block for fire fighters.



I'm just afraid of tightening up people's rights too much because myself personally I think we can get to a point where it gets stupid

— Councillor Steven Kauffeldt

Ward 1 Councillor Steven Kauffeldt expressed concern with amending the bylaw, stating he believed too many restrictions infringed on people's rights.

"I'm just afraid of tightening up people's rights too much because myself personally I think we can get to a point where it gets stupid," said Kauffeldt.

Wingrove pointed out the original intent for the bylaw was to assist in dealing with nuisance smoke that arose from open air burning.

"Can we not have a bylaw which addresses what sort of materials may be burned within our municipality?" asked Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge. "There's lots of people in Cardiff who really enjoy having a chiminea or a little fire pit and they have kids and it's a shame if kids can't

enjoy a fire once in a while."

Council agreed to review the draft and

rewrite the bylaw at a future meeting of council.



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HE looks at 3.3 per cent increase in operating budget

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The municipality of Highlands East is looking at an operating increase of 3.3 per cent based on a preliminary draft budget released during the March 8 meeting of council.

Compiled by municipal CAO and treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig, the preliminary document includes a breakdown of each department's submitted budget requests.

Residents of the municipality will not see a rise in taxes unless their property assessment went up by more than 6 per cent.

The draft is based on an increased assessment in property values, with waterfront properties experiencing the most increase, along with a \$60,000 cut in provincial funding. A surplus of \$230,000 from 2010 has also been used to assist in reducing the levy.

The draft budget, according to Stoughton-Craig, does not include any luxury items.

"There is still groundwork to be done with questions that arose as I put this



The only other thing I can emphasize is this municipality provides a lot of services. If we want to continue doing those things we have to pay the piper. That's all there is to it.

— Sharon Stoughton-Craig

budget together," said Stoughton-Craig. "The only other thing I can emphasize is this municipality provides a lot of services. If we want to continue doing those things we have to pay the piper. That's all there is to it."

The budget will be reviewed at the municipality's next meeting of council on March 22.

points of view

The people are this place

IN MANY WAYS a community is only as strong as the people who choose to live there. Haliburton is fortunate to have many individuals who believe in the potential of this area and all it has to offer.

One such individual is Jim Henwood, a man who is a stranger to few and a friend to many.

A resident and local business owner for the past 16 years, Henwood has not only made Haliburton his home he has made this village his own.

For almost two decades Henwood has been serving this community in many different roles and capacities, dedicating thousands of volunteer hours along the way. From Rotary Club to parent/teacher council at the high school, chances are you've come across Henwood contributing to the inner workings of this small but lively village.

But for many Henwood's presence is not one that is behind the scenes but instead out front, sitting at a counter, day in and out, greeting all who pass through his doors.

At the end of this month Henwood will be leaving Haliburton to pursue a new opportunity in another small, seasonal community.

The people are Haliburton and Henwood could easily be classified as one of those threads that have tied this community together.

As the saying goes our loss will be their gain and as he gets set to embark on his next adventure we wish him the best of luck.

I know he will be missed.

A fine first

This past week volunteer fire fighter Aliceson Dooley was promoted to captain of the Wilberforce station.

At the age of only 23 Dooley has accomplished something that has never before happened in the history of Highlands East by becoming the first female captain.

Although a significant milestone, especially at such a young age, Dooley remains both humble and focused on the primary reason she became a fire fighter.

To save people's lives.

For Dooley the chance to put on her fire gear is about duty, honour and courage and not about glory and fame.

Having had the opportunity to witness her in action last fall I can safely say residents of Wilberforce are in good hands with her at the helm.

Perhaps this first will inspire young women to follow in her footsteps and dream of one day putting on a suit of their own.

by Angelica Blenich



Stumped

photo by Darren Lum

It's beginning to look a lot like...

WHO IS WIARTON WILLIE? For that matter, who is Punxsutawney Phil? On the most basic level we know them as belligerent rodents (electrically) forced out of their lairs as harbingers to the incumbent weather we're soon to face. They come with no guarantees or refunds holding them to the accuracy of their predictions. They pop out of their domiciles and make predictions on the length of winter based on their ability to see their shadow? (this is a great foundation to base six week weather projections on?).

All these predictions would have taken place more than a month ago in the start of February. The thinking goes that, should the gopher/groundhog see his shadow we would have six more weeks of winter. What exactly constitutes him actually "seeing" his shadow? Considering that it's at least a little past daybreak, is there any other realistic possibility of seeing anything BUT his shadow? If not, why would you base your entire weather projections on a near-sighted gopher anyways?

I guess this whole tradition started with us humans assuming that creatures who literally live closer to nature have a better understanding of the fickleness and moodiness of Old Mother Nature and her ways. Groundhogs – it is thought – must have an inherent knowledge of upcoming weather so naturally we – as humans – base our long term projections

on their short-term projections.

At their most basic, these assumptions are wildly incorrect because, for this to be so, inhabitants of the animal world would have to have at least a rudimentary understanding of time and, truth is, they don't. Do you think animals stalk other animals at exactly 10:30? Do you believe they have any concept of human time? To animals there are only two times: daylight and night time. They are broad spectrums, which can account for why predators can literally take days to stalk prey (thus making half hour



Charlie Teljeur
Thinking Small

National Geographic specials into one hour specials).

Still, somehow, we assume the vast animal world falls into our rigid human framework. We see the first robin of spring as a definitive sign of warmer weather when, in fact, he may have simply been out of the loop and been fooled by other less-than-sincere birds who somehow convinced him things are starting to look promising up north even though there was three feet of snow on the ground and icicles were wearing scarves.

So forgive me if I'm not getting terribly excited at the natural prospects of spring. All the robins and rodents and prospective worms proclaiming warm weather and looking for real estate in March mean nothing to me when, if you look really close, they're wearing snow suits while doing so.



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points of view

A fridge too far

IF BIOLOGISTS were ever to get serious and study the life cycle of teenage boys, they would soon find out that these creatures needed five things to survive: teenage girls, an X-box, Axe body spray, 28 hours of sleep and a fridge.

I know this, because I have been doing my own field research, watching my son Ryan as he goes about life in his natural environment during the annual March break migration – which is a natural spectacle that the National Geographic channel pays far too little attention to.

Believe me, this is groundbreaking research and the kind of thing I expect to get funding from the Doritos Foundation for one day.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

Take yesterday's startling entry into my log: "The subject is now playing HALO-2 while simultaneously texting a teenage girl and eating a slice of cold pizza."

This observation and others like it have caused me to forward a theory that suggests teenage boys have evolved somewhat from when I was a kid. Back then, we couldn't play X-box because it didn't exist and texting teenaged girls was replaced by actually picking up the phone and calling them so that they

could hear your voice crack. By the way, there was no touchtone, we had to misdial nervously several times before making contact with their suspicious fathers. And our parents only allowed us to sleep for 27 hours a day because, as we all know, those were harder times. Our cologne too was not nearly as evolved – in fact it doubled as paint thinner.

The only thing that actually remains the same, in fact, is the fridge. And that's where I think we are losing the technological battle.

Currently, and for as long as they've existed actually, fridges, even large healthy ones, are no match for a teenage boy. In fact, I liken this to watching a hungry lion approach an antelope with narcolepsy.

You'd think with the high price of food that refrigerators manufacturers would get a bit creative to address this issue.

Luckily, I have been giving this a whole lot of thought while conducting my fieldwork. And I believe the answer to our problem lies in evasion.

That's right, if they are to survive, we need to develop a fridge with legs and a survival instinct. Otherwise, I fear the species will be extirpated by March break 2013.

My research suggests that the fridge should be able to run like a gazelle for distances of at least 12 yards. That's about what's needed to deter a teenager from actually getting up and raiding it. Instead, they will endeavour to save energy by ordering out or breaking open another bag of chips.

Eventually however, and by that I mean in five minutes, those provisions will run out and they will have to deal with the mounting hunger that has built between breakfast, several post-breakfast snacks, and the impending early lunch that is 10 minutes away.

And this will once again force them to be hunters.

Ah, I can see it now. Finally they will put down their X-boxes and Nintendos and gather in groups to hunt for the wild refrigerator.

I can see the National Geographic footage now as it documents a pack of teenage boys assessing a nearby herd of fridges and freezers, looking for evidence of a weak or sickly one. Then, as they see mine, the chase begins.

Next thing you know, there will be close ups of the pride as they gut the contents and then discuss if the light stays on after they close the door. No, it won't be pretty and the end result will be the same, I suppose.

But at least I'll be able to get a turn at the X-box.



pic of the past

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students took part in the musical *No No Nanette* back in March, 1984. There were scores of students involved in the production that saw three performances before supportive audiences.

letters to the editor

Better proactive than reactive

To the Editor,

Experience over the past seven or eight years has shown that the County of Haliburton does not provide a lot of lead time to members of the public when meetings or issues of concern respecting the Haliburton Rail Trail come to the fore. Neither are residents informed directly who live alongside the trail or in its vicinity and who are most directly affected by any potential change to the trail's land use. Furthermore, announcements in the local papers by council do not reach the eyes of seasonal residents who have an equal right to participate in the process of decision-making. This state of affairs has on a number of occasions led to frantic last-minute scrambling to organize a petition or to speak to the issues at meetings of council, or at special meetings inviting the public to provide informed input.

Since I live within earshot of the trail in the summer and frequent my country home in the winter-time, I am naturally interested in what happens there. I would like to invite property owners living next to the trail or on access routes to it to become a stronger voice by being informed. If you would like to be kept informed about county council decisions, meetings or issues that affect your quality of life alongside the rail trail, please call Ute Wright at 705-286-5011. Leave your name and number to find out how we can form a comprehensive landowners' communication list. Already some individuals have come forward to represent their neighbourhoods at key points along the trail.

Ute Wright
Gelert

Don't count out pool just yet

To the Editor,

Take heart, swimmers!

Recent news reports may have given the impression that the pool project has fallen through. That is not the case. A motion at county council to put money towards a \$35,000 market demand Study for a pool did not pass. They did, however, pass the following motion:

"... that county council form a subcommittee consisting of county councillors, pool committee representatives and county staff to continue discussions with appropriate parties to determine where, size, cost and options for council's consideration with no guarantee as to further commitment."

I'm sure that all the expertise and experience amongst Councilors, staff and the County Swimming Pool Initiative will find a way to move forward to create an aquatic and fitness centre for wellness and recreation, which meets the needs and interests of all Haliburton Highlands communities.

In the meantime, pool supporters are signing our contact sheets with ever more vigor. Today we signed up over forty people at the arena in Dysart.

Gay Bell
Chair, County Swimming Pool Initiative

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letters

Elections bring out the sound and fury

To the Editor,

I notice your enthusiasm for the coming election and I understand a newspaper editor among others will welcome the sound and fury. By the way, with the tempests in Ottawa we might have a federal election before the provincial one. Sound and fury! Macbeth in the play says, Act 5, Scene 5,

*"... it is a tale
Told by an idiot full of sound and fury
Signifying nothing."*

I feel that way about elections. I'm inclined to agree with that short-lasting Prime Minister, Kim Campbell, who was misquoted by a reporter, "Elections are not the place to discuss serious issues." Apparently the more accurate sentiment was to the effect that 47 days were not enough to discuss the overhaul in social policy that she thought Canada needed, a cautionary note for editors.

Of course, the question remains about where and how a good discussion about policy can occur. At the legislature in

Toronto or the House of Commons in Ottawa? Not when we get governments created by 38 per cent of the votes cast in Ottawa and 42 per cent of the votes cast in Toronto.

**Jim Milne
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letters

Reader sees need for public vaccination debate

To the Editor,

It is clear that with the issues surrounding vaccinations that an open public debate is needed. An informed choice is always the best solution as the risks are different for every individual. Many diseases that are treated by vaccinations are due to poverty and no access to clean water and nutritious food. I had mumps as a child and I still remember how painful it was and that my mom had to stay at home for two weeks to take care of me, a luxury today that many cannot afford. I am still here to tell the tale. On Feb. 11 there was a mumps outbreak in New Jersey where 77 per cent of those afflicted had been vaccinated. With regards to the Gardasil and Cevax vaccine they provide protection only against four (HPV-16, HPV-18, HPV-6 and HPV-11) of the dozens of strains of the virus. Eighty per cent of the deaths from cervical cancers occur in poor countries. Cervical cancer is highly curable when detected early by pap smears. There have been thousands of reactions reported to this vaccine and since 2009 44 deaths have been attributed to the vaccine. The vaccine has only been approved since 2006 and there is obviously no long-term studies yet to determine how effective these vaccines are. It is recommended that girls from nine to 24 be vaccinated at a cost of \$162 per shot and three shots are required for full immunity against the four strains of the virus. The vaccine lasts four to six years and a pap smear is still recommended even if a girl has been vaccinated. The disease is not

highly communicable. There is a lot of room for choices with this vaccine.

The vaccine company would more than likely like to see every woman in the world ages nine to 24 vaccinated against HPV. India has stopped giving HPV vaccines due to complications. Japan just this week has suspended the use of Prevenar and ActHIB due to complications. As for Dr. Wakefield there are doctors supporting his research. Dr. Sherry Tenpenny has done extensive research that questions the effectiveness of vaccines. Mercury is a known neurotoxin which many of us had put in our mouths and it is now widely accepted that mercury is not good for our health. Children and young adults are receiving dozens of vaccines that contain mercury - the HPV vaccine is three shots every four to six years where cervical cancer is non-communicable, only targets four strains and there are other choices. This vaccine may be a good decision for some woman and a bad choice for others. Blanket vaccinations without question is what I am speaking up about.

I agree wholeheartedly with Helena that as parents and grandparents we have to work together to protect our most precious ingredients for a long and healthy life - our water and our food. These are the essentials. Vaccines require an informed choice.

**Darlene Buckingham
Wilberforce**

Smith properties donated to Land Trust

On Feb. 14, papers were signed to transfer title for two properties owned by Dr. Donald A. Smith, a long-time resident of Haliburton County, to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. The Land Trust couldn't have asked for a sweeter Valentine's Day gift!

The 72-acre forested property bordering a wetland complex on the Burnt River was donated under Environment Canada's Ecogifts Program. This ecologically significant property will now be protected and managed by the Land Trust. The property is dominated by a mature maple and basswood forest and is representative of a limited ecosite within Haliburton County.

To ensure funding for the protection and management of this ecologically significant property, Smith has also donated a two-acre waterfront lot on Black Lake in the Township of Dysart et al, east of Haliburton village. Smith's wish is to have the Land Trust sell the lot in order to establish an endowment fund to pay for the expenses of protecting and managing the 72-acre property and to support HHLT with its mission to protect the natural heritage of Haliburton County for future generations.

"My late wife Lorraine always wanted to protect the 72 acres across from the lot. After she died, I wanted to see that her wish was honoured and that negotiations with the Land Trust to protect the property continued."

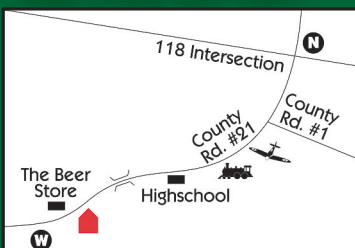
"The Smiths' generosity is extraordinary," said Sheila Ziman, chairwoman of the board of directors of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. "They have not only donated an ecologically significant 72 acres, but have also donated the means to ensure funding for the protection of this property for the future."

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➤ Memory loss and how Ethel Cook overcame her fear of Alzheimer's

Jenn Watt
Editor

The rhythmic click of needles has been the soundtrack of Ethel Cook's life for the past 60 years.

At a rate of one washcloth a day, knitting was second nature for Cook, 84, until this past December, when memory loss took her favourite pastime away.

"I couldn't believe it – that I couldn't do it after all these years because I used to keep the kids all in dishcloths," says Cook in her soft, English accent.

"Suddenly I couldn't even cast on a stitch. It took me ages and ages to make that little square. ... I thought that was me finished."

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It was as if somebody had stabbed me. I felt really embarrassed about it.

— Ethel Cook

For the past few years, family members had noticed Cook's memory slipping.

She would forget where she was going and repeat herself often – something her husband Frank commented on before he passed away two years ago.

"He said to me the one time that he found Mom repeating herself and not retaining where they were going and what they were doing. Things like that," Cook's daughter Norah McGee says.

But she didn't get tested for fear of finding out she had dementia, a common sentiment.

According to the Alzheimer Society of Canada, the disease is the "third most feared" among Canadians with those who have been touched by the disease reporting an even higher incidence of fear.

There are 500,000 Canadians with dementia today.

When Cook started to have trouble at her retirement home in Oshawa, McGee and her husband Jim decided to bring her mother to their home on South Portage Lake.

Knowing Cook had memory problems, McGee arranged to have her mother's memory assessed as soon as she arrived.

"I made that decision before Mom moved up here. I thought: I've got to get her in and get her tested," McGee says.

Their doctor, Tina Stephenson, sent Family Health Team seniors health nurse Carol Browne, to do an assessment.

"Mom's [previous] doctor, about a year ago had done a Mickey Mouse test in his office. He helped her with some of the answers. When Carol came here she spent two and a half hours with Mom and it was a proper test. Which again, I think is important. It should be done by somebody who specializes in that area," McGee says, seated across the living room from her mother.

There is a jigsaw puzzle on the dining table in front of Cook – one of the recommendations to keep the brain engaged following Browne's visit.

She spent about an hour and a half with Cook Dec. 9, facilitating tests of comprehension, orientation, retention, logic and decision making, but also discussing physical, emotional and social well being.

"At least an hour of [the assessment] is me needing to get a sense of their health, their health history, their family history," says Browne.

"I also look at nutrition, I look at hydration, I look at: What is your activity level? Are you isolated? Are you around people? ... Are you depressed? People who are depressed often have memory issues related to the depression, not that there's anything wrong with their brain."

Stress from major life events such as a death in the family or a major move can affect memory as much as a physical disease, Browne says, and all of that needs to be taken care of in the memory test.

In Cook's case, Browne's test revealed significant memory problems, though Dr. Stephenson made no diagnosis following the assessment.

"One test, Carol drew a circle for a clock and Mom had to put the numbers on the clock. She couldn't do it. She got one number on it. Then another one was: say there was a wiggly line. Mom had to follow and do the same pattern underneath and she couldn't do it," McGee says.

Following the test, Cook was prescribed Aricept, a drug for Alzheimer's disease that increases a chemical neurotransmitter, and she was also given advice on energizing her brain.

But the confirmation of memory loss – what Cook believes could be Alzheimer's – was devastating.

"It was as if somebody had stabbed me," Cook says. "I felt really embarrassed about it."

Her sister, Ada, has Alzheimer's disease, which has taken all recognition of other family members. Cook doesn't call her sister, who still lives in England, anymore since she is now a stranger to her.

"I thought my life was going to be over. I lost my husband two years ago. He was the type of person, he did everything for me," Cook says.

Cook felt despondent, despite the McGees' help.

Then one day things changed.

"I was just sitting one day on my own and I thought, I've got a nice home, Norah and Jim made me an apartment here and what have I got to grumble about? There are a lot of people worse off. But the very idea that I could get ... dementia, it just scared me,"



Jenn Watt Echo staff

Ethel Cook casts on stitches for a new washcloth. Memory loss had taken her ability to knit, but after beginning medication in December, she is now able to resume her lifelong hobby.

Cook says.

She was taking her medication and had filled her schedule with social events such as bingo, weekly meat draws, Diners' Club and seniors' programming at Echo Hills.

And then she started knitting.

"It was amazing. Suddenly I could do this knitting. Some days I would sit for a whole day trying to pick up a stitch," Cook laughs, her eyes beaming through her square-framed glasses.

"Everyone that phones me, my friends, say, you know you sound 100 per cent different, Ethel. I feel different. I just wanted to sit down and die without Norah pushing me. I just wanted people to feel not to be ashamed or depressed, but make sure you go to your doctor and get tested," she says.

Cook's memory rejuvenation could be for a combination of reasons, Browne suggests.

Her move from the retirement home along with the recent loss of her husband put stress on Cook's brain, which she is recovering from.

She also actively participated in social functions.

Or it could be the medication, which in 25 per cent of cases helps memory and 50 per cent of cases stabilizes memory.

Whatever the reason, Cook has found hope in the face of her memory problems, rekindled with every click of her knitting needles.

The first washcloth Cook completed was reserved for Dr. Stephenson.

"I'm not saying I'm perfect, but I'm doing good. I'm not confused like I was. I was so confused it was terrible. I'm not anymore. It's really been wonderful for me," Cook says. "My husband would be saying, 'way to go, lassie.'"



Angelica Blenich Echo staff

Trained spinning instructor Andrea Butera sits comfortably at the front of her class in her new indoor cycling studio, located in the lower level of Stedman's Mall.

Cycling studio opens in Haliburton

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

She makes it look so easy.

My legs are pumping, eyes focused on the front.

Don't think about your butt, I keep telling myself.

The seat feels so hard against my skin. Who designed these things anyway?

She's up off her seat and immediately I follow, jumping up in the air.

Oh that feels better.

She sits back down. Yikes, back on that seat I go. That uncomfortable seat.

Sweat is dripping down my face. My heart is racing.

I knew I shouldn't have had that bowl of ice cream an hour ago.

I'm pumping harder, a jolt of energy springs forth from my legs.

I can do this, I tell myself. No sweat. Well, not literally.

I'm sitting on a stationary bike at the Haliburton Indoor Cycling Studio, located on the lower level of Stedman's Mall, completing my first ever attempt at a spinning class.

Opening its doors to the public on March 15, the brand new studio includes 12 stationary bikes along with other added features.

As I watch instructor Andrea Butera at the front of the room, I listen to her soothing and positive voice guide the cyclists through different stages of intensity, alternating from fast-paced cycling to slower, more gradual movement.

As she cycles with ease and enjoyment Butera is the picture of athleticism. A self-prescribed fitness fanatic, it's no wonder the 32-year-old mother of a two-year-old son decided over the past few months to open up her own spinning studio.

"I came up the idea during a trip I took to Banff this past November with a friend," said Butera. "I kind of had an epiphany when we were hiking in the mountains...I was thinking we need something else in the community that could complement the other athletic programs that are here."

Butera began spinning over 10 years ago after being diagnosed with a brain tumor.

During her recovery period following surgery, she turned to cycling to help her gain muscle and get her energy levels back up.

"It was amazing, it did wonders for me. In a matter of a couple months I was able to get back to my normal self, if not better."

Butera's love of fitness and cycling motivated her to open up her own studio, which was made possible by the help and support of her family and friends.

"When you live in a smaller community... you have to stay active and put yourself out there, you can't wait for stuff to come to you," said Butera. "I wouldn't have been able to follow my dream of having the cycling studio if it hadn't been for the love, support and encouragement from my husband, my parents and my friends."

After returning from her trip to Banff and with the help of her husband, Butera found an ideal space for her studio and construction began this past December.

"I want to mention Bill Little, who did all my renovations for me and has been working night and day on it and it looks amazing, as well as Wade MacInnes for all the flooring work."

A certified spinning instructor, Butera will be offering classes beginning March 15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at both 6 and 7 p.m. Starting March 26 classes will also be offered on alternating Saturdays at 9 a.m.

A single ride costs \$15, however, ride cards are also available for those looking for more than one session.

Butera plans on expanding the studio and what it will offer down the road, but for now is focusing on cycling.

Those interested in signing up for a ride can contact Butera by calling 705-457-4961 or email haliburtonindoorcycling@hotmail.com.

By the end of my spinning session I'm getting the hang of it and almost don't want to part with the bike. I think I may be hooked and plan on returning for more sessions.

"You did great," Butera says to me as I hop off my bike. "You've got great form."

As I leave the studio my heart is racing, my legs feel strong and I can't help but be impressed that I survived.

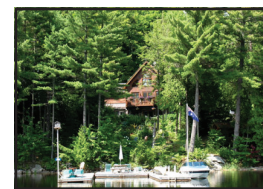
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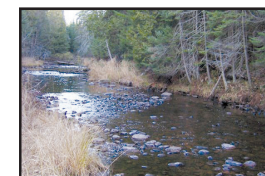
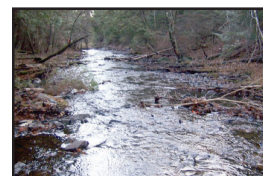
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John Beachli: A worker in stone

John Beachli immigrated to Haliburton from Norland in 1967, and while that's no great journey as far as the crow flies, culturally it turned out to be a significant trip.

Young John grew up with 3 sisters and graduated from high school in Fenelon Falls, after which he worked for 18 months on the line at General Motors in Oshawa. "I had a good opportunity to move up, but it wasn't for me," he says. "I realized that if I could make a living working with my dad, doing stone work for cottages, I'd rather do that, even though it was hard on the body." John started working full time for his dad in 1966.

In the summer of 1967 Beachli found himself working at a construction project at Camp Adelaide in the Highlands, where ironically, Sam McLaughlin, a founder of

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People

GM Canada, was the sponsor of the project. That job led to others, and John left his dad's business to work as a stone mason, sub contracting in the Highlands.

Beachli was married in the fall of 1967 to Linda O'Connor, and the couple set up home in Haliburton and subsequently had three children; Derek who now has his own local general contracting business, Dalton, who is an engineer in Calgary, and Ursula a stay at home mom, who is married

to MP Barry Devolin.

After five hard years of work at establishing himself in Haliburton, John Beachli got a break when he took over an established general contracting business. "Fortunately I ended up with some really good tradesmen and a great team of fellow workers," he says. "The business grew to over 50 employees, plus the sub trades." Beachli and his crew are responsible for building many homes and cottages in the Highlands as well as commercial structures such as the Bank of Montreal in Haliburton and the Community Centre in Gooderham. "We also did the interior trim and stonework on the original Pinestone Resort and later were contracted for work on the west wing and the east addition, including the grand ballroom." The secret of his success he insists was that "we had the manpower to bring ideas to fruition and we relied on good and imaginative carpenters. It made life interesting and exciting."

John Beachli semi retired in 1984 to

see BEACHLI page 13

Stone worker and sculptor John Beachli has been living and working in the Highlands for more than 40 years. Beachli's works appear outside the Haliburton hospital and in the sculpture forest. /Photo by George Farrell

Advertorial Financial Advice with Susan Lee - Certified Financial Planner TAX FREE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS-TSFA



Do you have a Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA)?

4.8 million Canadians have opened a TFSA since its introduction in 2009. An interesting survey that I came across recently, reported that 37% of the TFSA holders contacted had no idea what investments were eligible for a TFSA. Since the introduction of the TFSA, along with other misunderstandings such as how to withdraw and deposit to a TFSA causing many Canadians to over contribute in 2009 therefore resulting in tax penalties from Revenue Canada.

Many Canadians think the TFSA is a simple savings account. A TFSA is a tax-sheltered account that allows any income accumulated in it to be tax free. You can invest in the same products that an RRSP qualifies for. Products include, but are not limited to, GIC's, mutual funds, bonds, equities and mortgages. TFSA's were introduced to assist Canadians with creating long term tax-sheltered investment growth not the short term savings strategy they are primarily being used for. When I set up a TFSA for my clients I have the TFSA mimic the strategy that I am using in their investment portfolio.

Another benefit of a TFSA over other open investments is that a spouse or common-law partner can provide the funds to invest into the account and the income earned on this amount is generally not attributed back to the spouse or common-law partner who provided the funds.

A big benefit of the TFSA is its impact on Income-Tested Benefits and Credits such as Canada Child Tax Benefit, the GST/HST credit, OAS and GIS.

The government web site for TFSA is www.tfsa.gc.ca

In my next article I will expand on Income-Tested Benefits and Credits and provide some additional investment strategies around making the most of these.

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Beachli built some familiar buildings in the county

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spend more time with the kids. "Linda wanted to get back in the work force, and I kind of became a house dad for a while, even though I can't cook," he recalls with a laugh.

In the late 1980s Beachli went back to working with stone, only this time not as a mason. "Linda and I travelled a lot during that period," Beachli states. "On one of our trips to Vancouver I met up with an old friend George Pratt, who was raised in Minden." Pratt was carving a name for himself as a recognized and respected sculptor of stone. "George always told me I should carve the stone instead of laying it," Beachli says, and "over the next five or six years I'd go out to Vancouver in February and March and apprentice with him. I also worked with him when he was an instructor here at the School of the Arts. He allowed me to sit in on some interesting projects, many of which went to different parts of the world."

By the mid-90s Beachli was confident enough to put his own work out there and several of his pieces can be seen locally. At the entrance to the hospital in Haliburton visitors are greeted by two life sized figures chiseled from locally quarried granite called Against the Wind. The pieces "depict the struggle of a family from the early settlement era." In the sculpture forest there is another granite work called 'To Cut or Not to Cut,' which beautifully shows the dilemma between father and son, over the cutting of trees and preserving nature.

Besides working with the local granite, Beachli, who still travels, likes to carve in the country he's visiting. He has a Swiss background and goes to that country almost yearly. One visit led to his working in Swiss granite, the result of which can be seen in his rendition of the Haliburton Golden Lake Trout at the fish hatchery.

Some of Beachli's pieces might appear to be unfinished, but the effect is intentional. "I feel that I'm just working with what's already been started by nature, so I like to leave a little bit of the natural stone," he says by way of explanation, "and I like to work with the seams and the colours in the rock."

Beachli, who is now single, is not about to rest on his laurels. In the future he'd "like to do a piece of natives sitting on a shoreline in a typical family setting." Beachli is also starting to incorporate metal with his stone sculptures.

In addition to his sculptural donations to the hospital and the sculpture forest, Beachli has also been active as a longtime Rotarian, and through H.A.V.E. he's helped in such causes as putting over 700 wells in villages in India. He's also put three young people through university in Vietnam and Thailand.

It's been a long, fruitful and continuing journey for John Beachli; from working with his dad in Kinmount, through the years of hard stone masonry, raising kids, to sculpting in stone.

In addition to his sculpting Beachli owns several rental properties, and maintenance keeps him busy. "I still work when I have to work and I take some time in between to enjoy life," he says. His philosophy? "Thoughts become things, so choose the good ones."



Lions and ballet and pasta, oh my!

Heritage Ballet Studio dancer, left, Daryl Woodley, 14, Rebecca Kidd, 13, and Brooke Stevenson, 12, are ready to serve up a plate of spaghetti to raise money for their trip to Russia in 2012. The Haliburton and District Lions Club is hosting the spaghetti dinners to raise money for the studio's trip and for the community every second Friday each month which will be held upstairs at the Dysart Arena in Haliburton. Dinners start at 6 p.m. /Photo by Darren Lum

We recently wrapped our Poker Run here in Haliburton County and all reports and comments were very positive. Although the trails needed more snow, the weather was beautiful and everyone had a terrific time. I would like to thank each and every business that sponsored our event. Without your support we could not put on the quality event that we did. The event had over \$14,000.00 in prizes including the brand new snowmobile. The winning hand was three kings with the biggest smile ever on the young lady who drew the hand.

Plans are already in the works for a similar event next year and we look forward to your support again. The money raised goes directly into grooming the trails to enhance the tourism opportunities in Haliburton County.

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New Rail Trail review process gets going at county table

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county is going back to the public for solutions to the Rail Trail debacle.

Councillors on the county's economic development committee recommended at a March 9 meeting that the county proceed with what they called an operational strategy review for the controversial corridor.

"I think it's important in this process to start back at the beginning," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, adding she felt the previous process had left out the input of certain members of the community, particular those who didn't belong to any formalized user groups.

Moffatt had said in previous discussions that certain users may have to be excluded from the trail to suit a community vision once it was established and reiterated that some difficult decisions may have to be made.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said she was uncertain about the basis for going back to ground zero.

Reid said she thought council should continue in the direction set by previous councils that the Rail Trail is to be a multi-use trail, wasn't sure that non-users of the trail needed to be consulted and suggested the county consider the services of a professional consultant.

"I think we're kidding ourselves if we think we can do this ourselves," she told her colleagues. "I think we have a broken operational plan right now."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said he wanted to make sure people who own land adjacent to the trail have more of an opportunity to express their view, then they have in the past.

"I think that local landowners here have had no say," Fearrey said.

Moffatt said she had no interest in sitting through more town hall-style meetings on the Rail Trail.

"I know how healthy walking is . . . I know how valuable AT'ing is the community," she said. "It's just going to be the same meetings."

Other councillors agreed a different approach needed to be taken and so, rather than just an all-out call for comments, councillors said they'd like to establish community-run sub-groups which will be responsible for running public consultation sessions.

One representative from each of those sub-groups will then bring suggestions to the economic development committee.

It was unclear last week just how many of these sub-groups will be created and Moffatt again expressed concern that people not affiliated with a certain group be given a chance to have their say.

Fearrey said it would be a matter of those people going to

the meeting held by the sub-group they could most closely associate themselves with.

Reid suggested the county fund advertising promoting the sub-group meetings and councillors said they would be discussing in closed session the selection of individuals to head up the sub-groups.

Pamela Marsales of Friends of the Rail Trail was present for the meeting and asked to address the committee.

Marsales said the term "multi-use" was "evidently code for including ATVs on the Rail Trail," and asked committee members if they'd be willing to see a film demonstrating what other communities have done with their former railway corridors.

Marsales told the *Echo* that while it's true AT'ing in general is of economic benefit to the county, she questions how much money having ATVs on the Rail Trail specifically brings into the community.



Glen Dart tourny

Many young players took part in the annual Glen Dart hockey tournament at the Dysart et al arena on March 5. /Photo by Chad Ingram

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Flag flap at Brier for local man

Ryan Pyette
QMI Agency

Jack Cox, the elderly gentleman from Haliburton, Ont., whose mad sprints with a massive provincial flag have inspired Ontario curlers and thrilled crowds at 18 Briers, has been stopped by organizers worried his dashes through the John Labatt Centre aisles were too dangerous.

London Brier chairman Peter Inch gave Cox, who turns 80 on March 22, the bad news March 7. A day earlier, Ontario skip Glenn Howard chugged alongside Cox on one of his runs.

"I thought he should hear the news from the event chairman instead of some other person," Inch said. "I wanted to make sure there were no hard feelings."

There was a heap of disappointment from the Ontario team. They know, though, insurers and lawyers have much as much a part of the Brier as the brooms and stones.

"It's too bad," Howard said. "I understand the concern about a lawsuit, but I wish something could've been done to allow him to run. Get him to sign a waiver so he wouldn't sue if he got hurt. I feel bad for him and I feel like he's pretty upset about it, too."

"He kind of made a point of coming down to tell us about it in case we wondered why he wasn't running today."

There is no black-and-white rule that says patrons can't run at the rink.

"We don't have a definite policy on running in the arena," JLC general manager Brian Ohl said, "but some of our (arena) people have seen jumping over chairs from this individual. We want everyone to enjoy themselves and have fun, but we don't want to see anyone get hurt."

"Our concern is for this individual and for everyone around him. We don't want him falling and getting seriously injured."

Ontario lead Craig Savill called it a "terrible decision." "Let him run," the 32-year-old said. "He's a Brier fixture. He runs all the time and this is the first rink we've ever been to that has told him to stop."

"We all understand the concerns, but he's great. It's something he loves to do. The crowd goes crazy."

"We heard talk they were going to take his flag away from him if he kept running. But our team talked about it and we said if they ever did that, we'd all get together and buy him a new flag."

Inch has seen Cox do his thing at previous Briers and knows what a crowd-pleaser his runs have become.

"We want them to get the crowd revved up. We want them to have fun here. We just don't want any more running. There are other ways to have fun and get the crowd going."

The Canadian Curling Association supported the move to put the stop sign on Cox.

"We certainly understand the decision," CCA director Warren Hansen said. "Times have changed. There will be new traditions."

The CCA is facing a lawsuit from an injury suffered at the Brier Patch three years ago.

Tuesday afternoon, Cox worked his way around the JLC and waved his big flag -- while standing still, of course -- in support of Howard.

"He can wave that flag as many times as he wants," Inch said. "We have no problem with that."

The rub, though, is a lot of people want to see Cox run again.

The retired civil engineer is in tremendous shape for his age. He jumps rope every morning, curls three times a week, cross-country skis and is a member of a bicycle club.

This Brier will forever be remembered as the one where he wasn't allowed to run.



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Jim Henwood rests comfortably in his convenience store, Henwood's, located on Highland Street in Haliburton. Henwood has been a vibrant part of the Highlands since moving to Haliburton and opening the store 16 years ago. At the end of this month he will be leaving town to pursue a new chapter in life.

Angelica Blenich Echo staff

Henwood leaves town on new adventure

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to engage," said Jim. "You have to be a part of the community in a positive way. You have to let people know you'll go that extra mile and you'll do that extra thing."

Jim began training for his new position at The Bargain Shop's Haliburton location on March 14, where he will remain until the 25. His store, located on Highland Street, has been put up for sale, however, it will remain open and continue to operate as usual even after he has left town.

He will be joined in Gananoque by his family sometime around Thanksgiving, at which point daughters Ali and Jenny will be heading off to university in Guelph and Ottawa. Son Scott is currently living and studying in North Bay.

The transition, he said, is largely attributed to both timing and opportunity, but both he and his wife know it will not be an easy move.

"Sixteen years is a long time to invest in something and it's going to be tough to leave...we've made a lot of friendships and acquaintances over the years," said Jim.

"We'll miss the people more than anything," said Kathy.

"I wouldn't change the experience we've had up here," said Jim. "It was a great place to raise kids, it was a great place to meet people."

Jim hopes the community, like it has for the past 16 years, will continue to support the store both while he owns it and in the future.

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During our show in Bowmanville, a woman came in with a jewelry box that she had just inherited from her late aunt. "I don't wear jewelry," explained Cheryl Barnes, "so it was an easy decision to come down to the Roadshow to sell it". She was very excited when she was able to walk away with a cheque for over \$2,100 for jewelry she was never going to wear anyways.

Expert Cliff Edwards explains, "We have noticed a substantial increase in the amount of precious metals such as gold and silver coming to the Roadshow, which makes sense considering how high it's currently trading at. He added, "The Roadshow is great because it puts money in people's pockets, especially during such hard times. Lots of items that are just sitting around collecting dust in basements and jewelry boxes can be exchanged for money, on the spot! "

At another Roadshow event, a woman walked in with a tin full of hundreds of old coins that were given to her as a young child by her grandfather. She finally decided to come in to the Roadshow and see what he had given her. She was ecstatic to learn she had coins dating back to the late 1800's, some of which were extremely rare. Roadshow consultant Raymond Flack explains "We had uncovered an 1871 Queen Victoria 50 Cent piece, valued at over \$2,000!! She also had a nice assortment of coins that were not rare dates, but she was able to sell them for their silver content". All in all, Roadshow customer Linda Donaldson was able to cash in with \$4,500! "I'm so happy, "Linda explains, "I never would have thought that my old tin of coins was worth so much! I can finally afford to renovate my kitchen."

Raymond Flack continued, "Canadian coins prior to 1967, and American coins prior to 1964 are all made with silver, and we have noticed a large increase of customers coming to the Roadshow with coins and cashing them in for their silver value."

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as well as educate you on them. The Roadshow sees hundreds of people during a one week event, and they have been travelling across Canada to different cities and towns, searching for your forgotten treasures.

Trains, dolls, toys, old advertising signs, pocket watches, porcelain and bisque dolls, pretty much everything can be sold at the Roadshow. Any early edition Barbie's are sought after by Roadshow collectors, as well as a variety of Dinky Toys and Matchbox Cars. Lionel Trains and a variety of tin toys can also fetch a price, especially if they are in their original box or in mint condition. If a collector is looking for one of your collectibles, we can always make an offer to buy it.

A man brought in a 1950's Marx Tin Toy Robot, in fairly good condition, still in its original box. We were able to locate a collector for that specific toy within minutes, and that gentleman went home with over \$700 for his Toy Robot and a few other small toys.

So whether you have an old toy car, a broken gold chain, or a Barbie sitting in the closet, bring it down to the Roadshow, we will take a look at it for FREE and it could put money in your pocket!

See you at the Roadshow!

Local musician Carl Dixon speaks at the Northern Lights Pavilion about the nature of a devastating car crash he endured in 2008 and the recovery road that followed during an event titled *Beyond the Open Door*, held on March 9.

Angelica Blenich
Echo staff



Singer speaks from experience

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Singer, songwriter, speaker.

Having already mastered the first two skills local musician Carl Dixon is expanding his already impressive resume by adding a new chapter to his life's work.

On March 9 Dixon spoke about the journey his life has taken him on during an intimate event called *Beyond the Open Door*, held at the Northern Lights Pavilion.

The evening featured entertainment and an inspirational message from Dixon and Val Loughheed, president of Northern Lights Canada, a national organization assisting victims of motor vehicle accidents.

Introduced by local personality Mike Jaycock, the evening was centered on Dixon and his fearful time following a near-fatal car accident in 2008.

Since the 1980s Dixon has made a name for himself in the music industry as a member of such notable bands as Coney Hatch, April Wine and The Guess Who, before beginning his solo career.

"Before my big crash happened I was running around entertaining," said Dixon. "I never thought about stopping to talk. What do I talk about? Me? That should be interesting."

On April 14, 2008 while in Australia visiting his wife and daughter, who were there shooting a television show, Dixon was involved in a motor vehicle accident that nearly claimed his life.

"Somehow, and I don't really know how, I lived through that."

Following the accident initial assessments from the doctors in Australia had predicted he would spend the rest of his life as a quadriplegic or an amputee.

"My wife pleaded to the doctors that they do everything they could to save my arm and leg. He's a performer, she told them. If Betty wasn't there I could have easily woken up without an arm or leg."

Dixon attributes much of his survival to a number of factors, including his strict fitness regimen and healthy lifestyle prior to the crash and the overwhelming love of his wife Betty and daughters, along with the community of Haliburton.

"There is a beautiful side to recovery and that is the community support and outreach I received. What a massive lesson in the beauty of people reaching out and connecting. Nobody does anything alone, no one succeeds alone. We need one another."

Since enduring a long road to recovery Dixon has been given time to reflect and appreciate all that life has to offer.

"So how do you get beyond the open door?" asked Dixon. "You START. Stop, think, accept, renew and thank."

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<p>Country Chamer \$147,900</p> <p>SOLD</p> <p>Large country home conveniently located between Haliburton and Haliburton. Newly renovated including flooring and windows. One acre lot with spring-fed pond. Carport and workshop are the finishing touches!</p> <p>Peter Franzen 286-2138 x 51</p>	<p>Highway 35, Minden</p> <p>Two prime building lots just north of Minden Subaru; large frontages; easy access from highway; driveways are in; \$125,000 - 3.5 acres; \$99,000 - 3.1 acres; commercial use possible; HST in addition.</p> <p>Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52</p>	<p>Little Hawk Lake \$299,000</p> <p>Boat Little & Big Hawk Lakes from this beautiful completely furnished cottage also comes with a 2 bedroom bunkie, chalet & workshop. Bonus - 4 boats & 2 canoes!</p> <p>Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28</p>	<p>Brady Lake \$329,000</p> <p>SOLD</p> <p>Flat 1.5 acre lot, 483 s.f. cottage/home & 390' waterfront. Full unfinished bsmt, 3 BRs, 2 bathrooms, ash hardwood, Napoleon airtights, UV system, insulated garage and workshop on 1.56 acres.</p> <p>Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968</p>	<p>South Lake Condo \$569,900</p> <p>Brand new upscale condominium homes on the shores of South Lake. Choose your own finishing touches. Book your visit to see these beautifully finished homes. Only 2 left. Act now!</p> <p>Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25</p>
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Under South African Skies brings safari to the Rails End

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

"It's rare in life that reality exceeds one's dreams," said Andrew Oliver at the Rails End Gallery on Saturday.

However, that's just what happened when Oliver went on a photographic safari in South Africa last May.

Pictures from his trip are on display at the gallery in an exhibit entitled *Under South African Skies* until April 3.

A retired French literature professor and Redstone Lake cottager, photography has been a hobby of Oliver's for much of his life.

He joined the Toronto Camera Club in 1971 and one of the first presentations he saw was of an African safari trip.

"I said, 'Someday I want to do that,'" he said, adding the

trip had been his retirement gift to himself.

And it was all he'd imagined and more.

"It was organized by a professional photographer who is also a guide," Oliver said. His group was an intimate one of just three photographers along with their guide.

"We were able to shoot out of both sides of the jeep," he said.

The group was required to remain in the jeep at all times.

Days began at 5 a.m., Oliver said, and the group would leave Kruger National Park at 6 a.m., shooting until lunchtime. After a siesta, the group would shoot again from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. or so, when it began to get dark.

They did this for two weeks.

Although it was late fall in South Africa during Oliver's



Andrew Oliver's photos from Africa are on display now at the Rails End Gallery. /Photo by Chad Ingram

trip, he said temperatures would reach 40 degrees Celsius during the day.

On one day the group had an encounter with a group of rhinos who were blocking the roadway.

"They can be quite aggressive," Oliver said. However, the guide inched their vehicle towards the herd and while they didn't go far, Oliver said the rhinos at least gave the jeep enough room to pass.

He returned with striking images of elephants, rhinos, hippos, lions, leopards and all sorts of other African wildlife.

Oliver said he'd return to Africa in a heartbeat, although he's not sure if it's in his cards in the near future. After marrying his wife and having a family, he called the experience the most exhilarating of his life.

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Sports

Snowboarder edges closer to podium

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A Red Hawks snowboarder continues to exceed expectations in successive all-provincial finals on March 4.

Mackenzie Robinson improved eight positions on his placing from last year's Ontario Federation School Athletics Association (OFSAA) championships.

The Grade 10 athlete, who earned his berth with the top-spot at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA), surprised himself at this year's championship held at Camp Fortune in Quebec.

"I was really hoping to get top-20 and then I saw I was 10th after my first run and then when I ... finished in seventh place it was a huge surprise to me, which felt really good," he said.

"It was pretty intense. Each turn was a snake turn, which was straight back and forth so your hope is just to get to the bottom. Once you get to the bottom is what you get," he said about the course conditions. "I was the 23rd to go. And even by that time there was rivets in the ground, ice and it was so hard to stay on your edge."

The straight-A student said he has every intention of returning to OFSAA to improve, not only as a personal goal, but to improve upon his older brother's third place OFSAA finish a couple of years ago.

Robinson said he managed not to fall because of his efficient edging, improved by a different stance that has him crouching more than he was earlier in the season, improving his carving. He adds he applied an 87-degree edge and employs a "rainbow wax" technique that uses a blend of waxes on his base, haphazardly applied.

A strong foundation of skills also helped he added.

The young boarder started snowboarding at nine year-old and honed his skills free-riding during spring breaks and attending summer camps when he was 10 until he was 12 at Whistler-Blackcomb in British Columbia.

"Riding on a mountain like that just improves your skills," he said.

The recent success Robinson has had in high school snowboarding is giving him the idea he'd like to pursue competitive snow park events, but if not, then boarder cross racing is something he'd like to focus on in the future.

The second trip to the all-provincials for Robinson gave him an edge after the first year felt so overwhelming.

"This year I felt more comfortable and knew a lot of the riders from the other schools so it felt more like a relaxed competition," he said.

The icy conditions and the difficult course set up seemed to plague many of the Haliburton riders, as several fell, including Grade 10 teammate Jessica Bishop, who also entered the race as a COSSA champion in her first year of snowboarding competition.

Bishop wasn't deterred and is excited for her potential for success in the sport.

She finished 24th and posted the sixth fastest time on her second run in the combined time event.

The COSSA champion said the technique that helped her progress in the season was to prepare for the gate by turning in advance instead of right at the gate.

"It gives you such an advantage. You're already done your turn before the next gate," she said.



The Red Hawks snowboarding team, left, Michah Wilson, Holly Wu, McKenzie Hill, Jessica Bishop, Nicole Jennings, Justin vanLieshout (Carson MacDonald in behind - Gatekeeper), George Charlebois (Gatekeeper), Greg Foster, Bradley Wood, Maia O'Sullivan, Kate Denniston, Mackenzie Robinson, Spencer Hicks, Lindsey Pogue. Next row, left - Heather Hamilton, Shelby Elstone, Casey Pringle and Tiffany vanLieshout. Coaches, Susan vanLuik and Caley Sisson

She expects to return to the all-provincial final and will be focusing solely on snowboarding next season after a life-long involvement with skiing that included years of racing. She only started snowboarding a little more than two years ago.

Bishop expects to join Sir Sam's Ski Resort's competitive league for snowboarding next year.

Haliburton sent 14 riders to the championship and were coached by Susan vanLuik and Caley Sisson. The girls team finished sixth while the boys A team finished 12th.

Grade 10 Michael Kunkel was sick and did not make the trip.

"Our team is very young and this was a fantastic experience for them. The conditions were great - cool and sunny but the course was challenging, consisting of many tight turns. Our racers did great. We are both proud of their results. We are looking forward to another successful season next year as we have many returning athletes," coach Caley Sisson said of the coaches' impression.



Submitted Red Hawk Mackenzie Robinson finishes his second run on his way to a seventh place finish at OFSAA on March 4. /Submitted photo



Mackenzie Robinson



Jessica Bishop

Individual results

Tiffany vanLieshout 14th
Jessica Bishop 24th
Holly Wu 21st
Kate Denniston 62nd
Heather Hamilton 80th
McKenzie Hill 97th
Nicole Jennings 99th
Lindsay Pogue 106th
Michah Wilson 109th

Mackenzie Robinson 7th
Greg Foster 32nd
Justin vanLieshout 74th
Spencer Hicks 81st
Bradley wood 96th

Team results

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Red Hawks wrestle with OFSAA success

➤ Senior wrestler expresses fulfillment in reaching first OFSAA championship

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Staff reporter

His first trip to the all-provincials it was rewarding and motivating.

Senior Red Hawks wrestler Zane Zondervan (77 kg) capped off his high school wrestling season with a 12th place finish at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Championships held in Sudbury at the Sudbury Arena from March 3 to 4.

After four seasons the Grade 12 athlete fulfilled his goal to make it to the highest level.

"It was exciting and all the hard work paid off," he said.

Zondervan said he owes a lot of credit to his success this year from his membership with the Kawartha Olympic Wrestling Club located in Peterborough, which helped him get more wrestling experience and valuable coaching time. He joined the club last year.

Now that the high school season is completed, the Grade 12 student is looking forward to competing for his wrestling club in the Cadet/Juvenile National Wrestling Championships after earning a fifth at the provincial championships earlier in the year. Despite the high school season success and his club success, he is cognizant there is still a lot of



Darren Lum Echo staff

The Red Hawks wrestling team, left, Zane Zondervan, Bailey Walker, Tara O'Sullivan, Lily Coneybeare and Dylan Graham, competed at this year's Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships hosted by Sudbury at the Sudbury Arena from March 2 to 4. Zondervan finished in 12th while Walker finished in the top eight. Absent for the photo was Kayla Gardiner, who finished in the top eight.

work ahead to fulfill his personal goal.

"I've improved quite a bit. I realize there is still a lot of hard work to go to continue getting better," he said. "I assume I have a shot at making a university wrestling team some day."

When asked why he likes wrestling so much Zondervan said, "It works every kind of aspect of your body and it's very athletic and very quick. It takes a lot of coordination skill and strength. There is a high intensity to it."

He said there are strength benefits from wrestling training for another passion he has, track and field, in which he

has competed at OFSAA last year.

Zondervan has also been on the football team, played hockey up until this year and is currently trying out for the school's badminton team.

The Red Hawks also sent Kayla Gardiner, Bailey Walker, Lily Coneybeare, Dylan Graham and Tara O'Sullivan. Gardiner (44 kg) and Walker (47.5 kg) both finished in the top-eight.

There was a field of at least 30 each per weight category.

With the exception of Graham and O'Sullivan from this group, all of them are expected to return next season.



Striking silver

The Red Hawks girls curling team brought home the silver from the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics final and were one win shy of an all-provincial final.

Left, Alana Bannister, Shannon Bittner, skip, Laura Pottier, vice, Holly Broderick, (coach Michele Shapiera), second, Emily Shapiera, and coaches Scotty Boyd and Kathy Hutson. Absent for the photo is Jane Boyd.

Photo submitted.

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Red Hawks boys shine COSSA silver

➤ Curling team has a stellar year, falls one win short of the all-provincial championships

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys curling team brought home silver medals to cap off a strong season.

The Red Hawks team of skip, Jesse Walker, vice, Owen Duhaime, second, Mike Mazara and lead, Tyler Warham started their run for the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics gold against the Bay of Quinte champions in Sterling on Monday, March 7.

Haliburton was the next runner-up team in the provincials and were in tough against the Bay of Quinte champions.

"Our boys had a good game against Moira Secondary School of Belleville. We met them at the Gore Provincials where Moira was second in the province and HHSS was third in the province. It was great to see these two teams compete as friendly competitors since we were Kawartha B champs, and Moira were Bay of Quinte Champs, that was our first game Monday March 7 at COSSA," coach Tom Dibblee said. "We played a good game against Moira. Jesse had a chance for three in the second but we bumped our own out as well as our [shot rock]."

Haliburton lost 5-2 in the finals opener.

The loss did little dissuade the Haliburton side, as the team showed little affect in their second game.

The boys' team played the Kawartha A-side champions from the Adam Scott Collegiate Lions of Peterborough in their second game and started well with a 3-0 lead by the end of the second end.

The Lions got one back in the fourth end, but were down by three points 4-1.

Haliburton added points in the fifth and the sixth ends to increase the lead 6-1.

The Peterborough squad made it close with four points in the fourth end, but it wasn't enough as the Red Hawks hung on to get their first win of the day.

Haliburton, who were did not face them in the Kawartha playoffs, but did beat them in the Gore Zone competition.

Haliburton's was pitted against Centennial Secondary School in the third game and had medal ramifications if the Red Hawks lost.

"It was a lot closer than anyone expected. We gave up three in the fourth [end] and took four in the fifth [end]," Dibblee said.

Centennial countered with two in the sixth end to tie the game 6-6.

"We kept everyone guessing until the very end. There was a possibility of three way tie for second if we lost that game," he said.

The Red Hawks pulled out the game and earned their silver medals when they secured the win with two more in the seventh end to win 8-6.

Moira, who was undefeated in three games, advances to the Ontario Federation Schools Athletics Association championship in Thunder Bay from March 23 to March 26.



The Red Hawks boys curling team, left, skip, Jesse Walker, vice, Owen Duhaime, second, Mike Mazara and lead, Tyler Warham, are silver medalists after the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics finals held in Sterling on March 7. Absent from photo Tom Dibblee.

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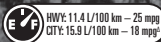


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Curling community

Above, the entire group of participants and volunteers was all smiles during the year-end bonspiel for the Haliburton Curling Club's youth curling program on March 8. There were 30 curlers, including four Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student volunteers, playing. There are 12 club member volunteers during the season from October to March, teaching and guiding the participants. Left, a young curler slides from the hack. **Darren Lum** Echo staff

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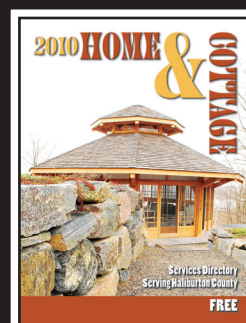
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Markham wins Highland Lassie Bonspiel

The annual Highland Lassie Bonspiel held on March 5 was another successful event at the Haliburton Curling Club. In spite of the wintry weather, the 16 teams arrived safely and came enthusiastic and ready to play. To celebrate the start of the tournament and to add to that special tradition of curling, Earl Cooper piped all of the teams on the ice.

At the end of the day, the team of Andrea Kerr, Carolyn Northcott, Sue Beard and Louise Ferri from the Markham Curling Club was crowned the Highland Lassie winner for 2011. Following close behind by a single point, was the team of Ginny Carmichael, Laraine Forgrave, Judy Cole and Susan Hill. Third place went to the Anne MacNaull team, fourth place to the Kim Lewis team and fifth place to the Christine Acton team from the Port Perry Curling Club. This year's special award, the Sassie Lassies, went to the Beryl Rasmus rink.

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The afternoon snacks provided by Haliburton Subway were a crowd pleaser as always.

The success of a bonspiel is a culmination of a many parts. The day was highlighted by a delicious lunch catered by Karen Saunders and served with panache by four dapper gentlemen curlers.

Many donations for the raffle table from local businesses and from some of our creative and artistic curlers made everyone eager to be a winner. Donations from the curling participants to the Loonie auction had the loonies adding up, while helping to raise funds to support the junior curling program.

Helpful volunteers as scorers, servers, bartenders, ice makers and ticket sellers all added greatly to the success of the day.

Thank you to all and congratulations to all of the Lassie curlers.

Submitted by Laraine Forgrave

Young curlers compete in bonspiel

The second annual Jim Donovan memorial children's bonspiel, held at the Wilberforce Curling Club on March 12 saw a great turnout of young curling enthusiasts ready to learn the game while having some fun. A kick-off to March break, the event is open to children of all ages and draws a number of new players to the game. This year's tournament saw 18 children between the ages of six and 14 come out to play. No matter the skill level every child goes home with a bag full of goodies along with prizes donated by local businesses and sponsors. Organizers hope to continue running the event in the future.

Angelica Blenich Echo staff

Bantan AE Storm season an undisputed success

The Bantam AE Storm season finally ended this past week with a 7-1 drubbing by the Bracebridge Bears. Despite the result of the team's final game, the coaching staff of Drew Bishop and Steve Churko have categorized the season as a success. After 47 games played the team finished with a 25-17-5 record. In the tri-county league the team finished in third place out of seven teams. They won the B championship in the Tweed tournament, were semi-finalists in the Silver Stick, advanced to the second round of the OMHA play downs and were runners up in the MPS play downs.

The coaching staff would like to thank: the sponsor, Parker Pad and Printing; the trainer, Barry Cray; the treasurer, Mike Lopez; the manager, Laura Casey; individuals from the Haliburton Storm Minor Hockey Association who ensured that there was a second Bantam team and advocated for their inclusion in the tri-county circuit; the parents for their support; and most importantly the players. This great group of young men came together and created a team. They supported one another on and off the ice and as players gave 100 per cent every time out. They are Logan Churko, Hunter Bishop, Lucas Esson, Tyler Casey, Angus Sullivan, Stuart Searle, Connor Gadway, Jesse Davis, Kirk Lopez, Braden Roberts, Luic Muli, and Mac Monk-Cray.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan

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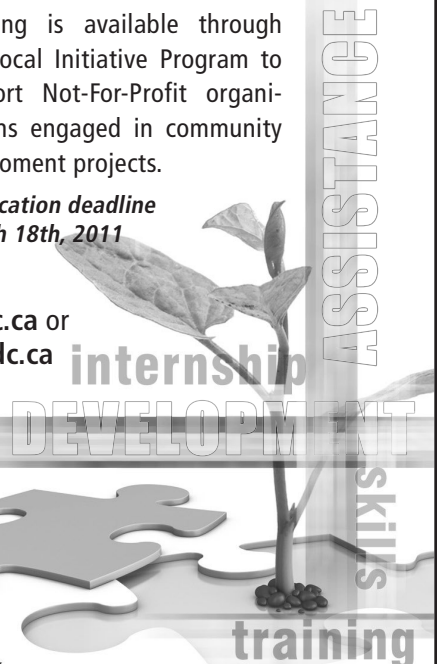
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You had a couple choices back then to source parts – go down to the corner garage and buy or order whatever you needed; or, go down to the local wreckers and scavenge through the wrecks for a car similar to yours from which you could remove the part in question and install it on your vehicle (if you knew enough about cars, you could scout several vehicles that had interchangeable parts).

In the days of traveling salesmen whose herds roamed far and wide across the continent, you could also sometimes spot by the side of a road a hubcap that would match the one that long ago spun away from your vehicle on a winding mountain road or got ceremoniously removed from its mount at the car wash.

Today, there's considerably more choice available for parts sourcing. Most manufacturers prefer you buy new replacement parts, which is often what insurance companies also prefer, but these parts are often costly. They do, however, come with a better warranty than the alternatives.

Costly components can also be replaced with re-conditioned ones. These are parts that have been salvaged, cleaned and reassembled into guaranteeable units. They are less costly than new, and do come with limited warranties. For jobs that don't exceed the insurance deductibles, they provide some savings and near-new quality. If you're going to spend more than the insurance deductible, though, why not let the insurance handle the cost of replacement with new parts and put the expense through?

Scavenging though the local wreckers is really no longer an option, as those businesses tend to not let the

average consumer into their yards (again, for insurance reasons). Rather, you have to know precisely what you want and they'll find it for you. If their inventories are catalogued (as is the one at my local yard), they can usually tell you on the spot if they have something for you. If they aren't, it may take

a couple days for them to get back to you. Salvaged parts carry no warranty and may actually void your new vehicle warranty, if that's still in play.

In today's connected world, there is also the internet, with several parts ordering catalogues. It's as easy as putting in the year make model and

part name into a search engine such as Google or Bing.

And vintage vehicle owners can benefit from online clubs or forums that can help them locate parts that may be hard to come by. These online gatherings can also often offer suggestions for replacement or repair

of parts ... such as checking with the local coffee shop or car wash, for parts that have been lopped off and never claimed.

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If interested in this position, please send your resume by Friday, March 25, 2011 to:

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The Foundation requires an energetic person to perform general office duties, accounting & banking, data basing & receipting, minute taking & coordinating & set up of fundraising events & volunteers.

The position is for 3 days per week with the potential for 5 days per week during busy fundraising times. Occasional evenings & weekend days are required at event times.

Requirements:

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- Confidentiality is a must

This position begins immediately.

Interested candidates are asked to submit a resume with a covering letter by Friday, March 18th at 12 noon via email to dwalker@hhhs.on.ca

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In Cindy Henry's name

Laurie Curry, left, holds a picture of Cindy Henry, on whose behalf the eighth golf tournament for Food For Kids was held. Money raised from the September event at the Haliburton Highlands Golf Course along with contributions from the Bank of Montreal were given to Jenna Burnett, the Haliburton County coordinator, middle, by Laurie Johnson of BMO. The event raised \$715.

Jenn Watt Echo staff



Algonquin

INSPECTION

Public Notice

Approved 2011-2012 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest

Public Inspection of Annual Work Schedule

Ontario Parks (MNR) has reviewed and approved the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) April 1, 2011–March 31, 2012 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the Algonquin Park Forest.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the AFA Offices in Huntsville and Pembroke, the Pembroke District Ministry of Natural Resources office (Algonquin Park section), the Whitney Park office, and the Ministry of Natural Resources public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning March 15, 2011 and throughout the one-year duration. Ontario Government Information Centres provide access to the internet.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvesting, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year. Once forestry activities are complete, operational roads are decommissioned through water crossing removals and other access control measures. Beyond Park access points all forest access roads are closed to the general public.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

The Algonquin Forestry Authority is responsible for tree planting on the Algonquin Park Forest. Please contact the Area Forester, Algonquin Forestry Authority, Pembroke Office (see address below) for information regarding tree planting job opportunities or for obtaining fuelwood.

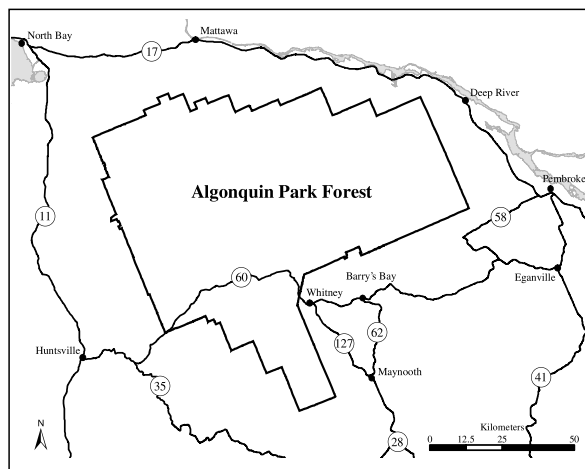
More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNR staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

Joe Yaraskavitch, Park Forester
Ministry of Natural Resources
Algonquin Park Office
31 Riverside Drive
Pembroke, ON K8A 8R6
tel.: 613-732-5550

Gord Cumming, Plan Author
Algonquin Forestry Authority
Huntsville Office
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Steve Bursey, Area Forester
Algonquin Forestry Authority
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A lot has happened in 20 years

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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How time flies. Especially when you are happily making history and celebrating it. Twenty years ago on March 21, 1991 a meeting was scheduled to be held in the Lloyd Watson Centre lounge to see if there was community support for a proposed project to "do something about" the former Red Cross Outpost Hospital and Nursing Station. Monmouth Township had rented it to various tenants after it was turned over to that body and there had been no tenants for some time. Though it snowed all day on that first day of spring, over 30 people showed up to support the idea

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Notices



Municipality of Dysart et al

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The Municipality of Dysart et al is inviting tenders for supply of coloured diesel fuel and furnace oil effective May 1st, 2011 to April 30th, 2013.

Tender Documents and execution forms can be obtained at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton or on our website at www.dysartetel.ca.

Tenders must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 31st, 2011.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

The County of Haliburton



NOTICE

The Council of the County of Haliburton will be holding the 2011 Budget meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 in the County Council Chambers at 11 Newcastle St., Minden. At this time the County Fee Bylaw will be submitted for approval. The public is invited to attend.



Six people become newly formed Guild

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idea that the Outpost was an important historic site and should be preserved. By the end of the meeting a committee whose name became the Wilberforce Heritage Guild was formed. Six people left the meeting ready to begin work. They were Cathy Agnew, Margaret Harrison, Patricia Simiana, Gerald Shackleton, Hilda Clark and Ken Sanderson. A number of others have contributed greatly on that committee during its 20 years

The current board of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild invites everyone to join them in celebrating the Guild's first 20 years of working to preserve our famous National Historic Site. On Monday, March 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. let's gather over a sandwiches, cake and tea and be proud of what has been accomplished. Let's move ahead with enthusiasm to continue preserving, promoting and celebrating our local history.

At the Outpost the quilt that will be raffled as a fundraiser this year is nearing completion. Quilters Joan Noble, Jill Lee and Hilda Clark have enjoyed pleasant times while putting in a lot of stitches. Alfretta O'Rourke who reworked some donated Dresden Plate blocks and assembled them into an attractive top was in their thoughts often as they

quilted. Alfretta is experiencing some serious health problems at this time. We wish her relief from pain. We appreciate her efforts on previous quilts and her general support and participation over the years.

An exciting bonspiel was held at the local curling club on Saturday, March 12. Eight teams took part. Those teams included 18 children. Melanie Lewis and Tammy Vaughan convened the event where teams had to have both children and adults. In many cases grandparents and parents brought teams. Others were adults who sort of adopted kids for the day. The winning team seems to have been one of the latter. Winning the Jim Donovan Memorial Trophy was team Victor Townsend, Stan Riley along with Peter Boyer and Skip Ron Roberts. There were lots of great prizes for the youngsters and a super lunch. Everyone had a fine day on the ice. Thanks to the convenors and all who made this a good one. Jim would certainly have approved.

Several from Wilberforce enjoyed a good pancake supper provided by the members of St. George's Anglican Church at the Haliburton Legion. It was held as it traditionally is on Shrove Tuesday before the period of Lent, during which some still try to practise some restraint in areas such as their diet.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

The fifteenth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Minden Hospital Auditorium.

2011/12 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or, in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the June 23, 2011 Annual General Meeting, new memberships must be obtained by April 1, 2011. Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS (Haliburton or Minden Hospitals), during regular business hours, or by contacting:

Marlene Vieira
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
7199 Gelert Road, P.O. Box 115
Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0
Phone: 705-457-2527
Email: mvieira@hhhs.on.ca

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COMMUNITY INVITATION

The Board of Directors of Haliburton Highlands Health Services will be holding its March Board Meeting in Highlands East and the general public is welcome to attend.

Date: March 31, 2011
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Monmouth Curling Rink, Wilberforce
Guest: Patrick Kennedy,
Director, Dept. of Emergency Services,
County of Haliburton

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

April 28—Minden Hospital

Guest: Glenna Raymond, CEO, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences

May 26—Haliburton Hospital

Guest: Don Ford, CEO, Central East CCAC

For further information call the Administrative Office at 705-457-2527
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Camp Medeba's staff grows to 65

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Eleanor Cooper

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Medeba's general director, Steve Archibald, has given me an update on some of the organization's activities. It sounds like more than one hive of activity. One major change is an addition to the office. With the number of year-round (11) and contract people (16) and summer staff more space has become necessary to accommodate the total of 65.

The leadership development program, Prosago, is a college level course. This team of 12 in their early 20s have gone on such excursions as a two-week canoe trip in the Florida Everglades, to the Adirondack Mountains for ice-climbing; and to South Carolina for kayaking.

This charity organization had its beginning nearly 60 years ago when Stuart and Jackie Wilson had the foresight to begin it. The Wilsons will be up again for their annual summer visit, in part this time to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations in advance.

Registration can be made for upcoming summer

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Event Details

Saturday, March 19th, 2011

Fleming College, Haliburton Campus, The Great Hall

1:00-1:15pm – Welcomes & Introductions
1:15-2:00pm – Keynote Speaker:
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President & CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services

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2:00-4:00pm – Networking with Students & Community Hosts while enjoying refreshments!

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School groups use Camp Medeba grounds for back-country skiing

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camps, accessed by website www.medebea.com. Medeba is also developing a new ropes course with significant changes in the elements.

It has been a busy winter with school groups going back-country skiing which involves downhill, cross-country and telemark skills and climbing an ice tower using cramp-on boots and axes.

Separate training by rental arrangement on Medeba property but different in focus is Tall Oaks schooling, the present enrolment at 11 pupils ages three to eight under the leadership of Sandy Stevens. Congratulations on all those achievements begun and continued over the years.

March 15 euchre scores: high - Alice Jones and Henk van Nood; low - Barbara Brownsberger and Bill Geddis; most lone hands - Tina Hadley and Bill Marshall; and specials go to Maureen Laplante and Myra Marshall.

Coming Events

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Wednesday: Bid Euchre 1pm located at the Haliburton Legion. \$2 admission **Thursday: Bid Euchre** 7pm Echo Hills Apt.
For more information contact Jean Fletch 705-457-2618

Shepherd's Table Community Supper- every first and third Friday of the month, at Lakeside Church. Free full meal and great atmosphere. Come on out-no need to RSVP! 5:30, Park Street, Haliburton Please call 705-457-2851 if you would like to volunteer.

Babysitter Training Course: Haliburton OEYC April 19-May 30 from 4-6pm Minden OEYC April 20- June 1 from 4-6pm Students must register by April 4 Call 705-286-4625 or email oeyparented@bellnet.ca

Wednesday evenings: Overcomers Recovery Support Group 7.00 PM - 8.30 PM Overcomers is a Recovery Support Group for people overcoming life controlling issues. to watch a 5 minute promo video go to www.recoverysupport.org
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March 15: Volunteer Income Tax: at the Haliburton Legion Every Tuesday starting at 9am to 2pm ending Tuesday April 19.
For more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266

March 16: Volunteer Income Tax: at the Haliburton Legion Every Tuesday starting at 9am to 2pm ending Tuesday April 19.
For more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266

March 17, HALIBURTON: Meet the Nurse 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level)
in Haliburton. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.

March 19: Minden OEYC Pets & Pizza: 10-12:30 RSVP @ 705-286-1770

March 19: Wild Game Dinner, Auction & Dance located at the Haliburton Legion Cocktails at 5pm Dinner at 6pm Tickets \$30 per person or \$50 a couple (available NOW) Contact the Fish Hatchery at 705-457-9664

March 20: Highland Squash Club Meet & Greet: 2-5pm for more information contact Jim @ 705-4571690

March 21 & March 22 HALIBURTON: Food Handler Course March 21, and Tuesday, March 22, 9 am to 4 pm, Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391.
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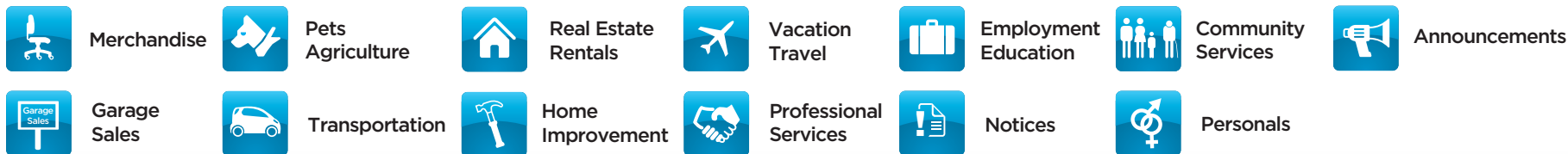
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Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.
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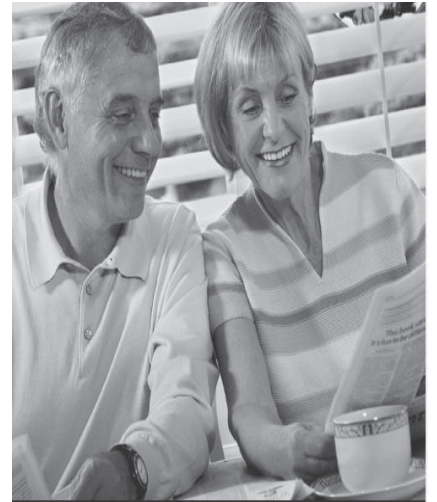
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The project involves installing four VLH units (Model 4000) at Lock 24 and four VLH units (Model 4500) at Lock 25. At each site, new concrete structures consisting of four bays will be constructed on the west side of the river adjacent to the existing dams. Short approach and outlet channels will be excavated upstream and downstream of the turbines to divert river flow through the VLH bays. The total installed capacity of the two projects is about 4.0 MW which will be interconnected separately to the adjacent 44 kV Hydro One Power line. A hinged steel flap gate is installed on top of each VLH to allow the upstream water level to be maintained which can be pulsed (lowered) periodically and automatically to release debris and ice over the turbine to the downstream channel. Using the Otonabee River as a water source, flows of water regulated by the Trent Severn Waterway would be bypassed around the existing dams at Locks 24 and Locks 25, respectively and returned to the river immediately below each lock respectively, to generate approximately 4.0 megawatts of electricity. The project is designed to operate on a run-of-the-river principle that does not require storage of water or water level manipulation. Electricity generated would be used locally and for general use in Ontario.

An environmental screening for the project will be conducted in accordance with provisions of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

The intent of this notice is:

❖ to determine, on behalf of the Minister of the Environment, Government of Canada, the level of public interest or objection to the project in consideration of issuance of a Priority Permit under the DWPA. A Priority Permit provides permission for project-related studies and does not constitute permission for construction;

❖ to request public input regarding the project.

In the event of protest or objection, the Minister may determine that a hearing may take place. Interested parties will have further opportunities to obtain information and provide comment during the permitting process that will be conducted under the Dominion Water Power Act regulations and other legislation subsequent to the issuance of a Priority Permit.

Under the Dominion Water Power Act, interested parties are encouraged to provide comments or objections in writing within 30 days of this notice to the Director of Waterpower, Parks Canada Agency, Directeur des forces hydrauliques / Director of Water Power, 25, Eddy, 6ième étage / 6th floor, Station 45, Gatineau, QC K1A 0M5, Tel. : (819) 953-9481, Fax: (819) 953-2004, email: DirWaterpower.ForcesHydrauliques@pc.gc.ca

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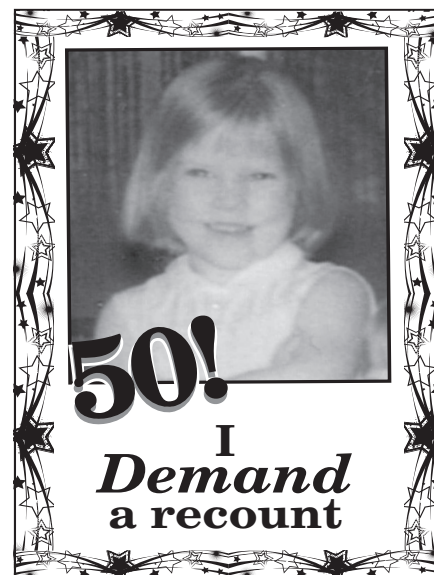
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Marion, Wanda, Patricia & Karen

Deaths

WYVILL, Gerald - At Grey Bruce Health Service - Markdale, Tuesday March 8, 2011, Gerald Albert Wyvill of Markdale in his 78th year. Beloved husband of Marion Wyvill (nee Hartley). Dear father of Darin Wyvill and Steven Wyvill both of Markdale. Survived by sister Jean Wilson, sister-in-law Myra Wyvill both of Hanover; and several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents Albert and Florence 'Sadie' Wyvill (nee Flynn), brother Hugh, sister Helen, brother-in-law Howard Wilson, three nieces and one nephew. The family received friends at the **MAY FUNERAL HOME**, Markdale, Friday from 2:00-4:00pm and 7:00-9:00pm where a funeral service was held Saturday March 12th at 11:00am. Interment in Markdale Cemetery. If desired, donations to Christ Anglican Church, Markdale would be appreciated.

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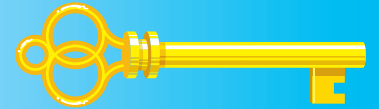
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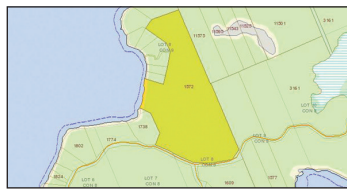
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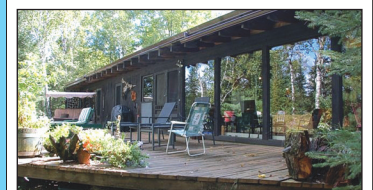
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\$334,900



INCOME OPPORTUNITY

4 unit apartment building. Good location. Easy rentals. Immaculate grounds, paved driveway, easy highway access. Live in, rent out, tenants pay the mortgage.

\$299,999



GROWLER LAKE ACREAGE

650 ft frontage with 56 Acres on the west side of the lake. Good shoreline, gradual sand or deep water. Hydro avail. Driveway roughed in, site cleared. Beautiful lake.

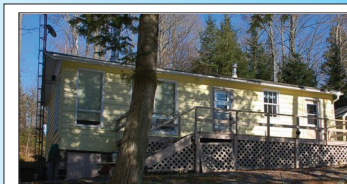
\$299,900.



GREEN LAKE

Yr rnd home/cottage on edge of gorgeous sand beach. Level lot. Full w/o basement. Wraparound deck. Close to golf, store, skiing. 3 lake Chain. Additional backlot included

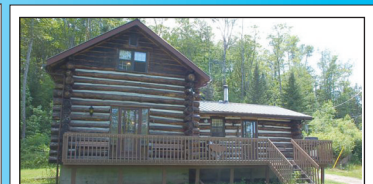
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STORMY LAKE

The perfect package! 3br cottage on level lot. Big lake view, sand shore. S/W exposure. Private. 2 sheds, Shoreline deck. Firepit. Tidy & ready to go!

\$298,000.



WILBERFORCE AREA

Charming round log home. Private on 24 acres with trails throughout. Country kitchen, main flr Indry, w/o bsmt with lge recroom. Double Car garage.

\$229,000



GLAMOR LAKE ROAD

Immaculate cottage or yr rnd home. Private lot near beach & park. Charming wood character & warmth. Solarium, loft with skylights. Must be seen!

\$219,000.



CONTAU LAKE

Sunny facing south! 2BR ideal getaway. Open concept bright living area, Modern kitchen. Clean deep shoreline, good boating & fishing, terraced lot. Great value!

\$209,000.



HALIBURTON HOME

Great location near village & lots of room, outbuildings & potential. Contractor or home based businesses interested? Stone & brick home.

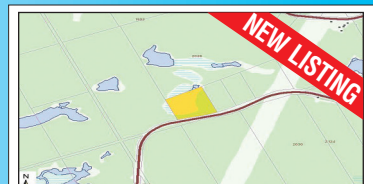
\$199,900



GOODERHAM HOME

Just a stone's throw from Gooderham Lake public beach. Great little home. Or cottage. Newly reno'd. Full bsmt. In the village & only 15 min to Haliburton.

\$115,000



15 ACRES

870 ft frtg on Haliburton Lake Road near Eagle Lk Village, skiing, public beach & trails. Hardwood bush, large pond, driveway in & site cleared.

\$49,900.

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

LET "SPACE" HELP YOU SELL

QUESTION: Should a house for sale be crammed with articles in storage, toys, and a happy lived-in look or should all the excess "junk" be gotten rid of before showing it?

ANSWER: There is nothing that will hinder a sale faster than the that look of a crammed house. Closets jammed with clothing, toys

and boxes; messy garages or carports, overfurnished rooms; spilling over bookcases, triple-stacked china cupboards; attics and basements with a flea market look. Clutter turns buyers off.

To sell your home, make a good impression on buyers by having it look as spacious as possible. Get rid of everything extraneous



GET RID OF ALL the clutter and unwanted items BEFORE you put your home up for sale.
